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2. In February 1952, a group of German Rumanians who were deported to the Soviet Union in 1945, returned to their homes. Other such groups had returned to Rumania before that date. The repatriated Germans, all of whom had worked in the coal mines of Dnepropetrovsk, received good treatment in the Soviet Union, but their food rations were very small. During the last year, the Soviet authorities even paid them a salary for their work, permitted them to acquire food and clothing items on the market, and then allowed them to take their purchases with them to Rumania. It is rumored that a large number of German Rumanians who were deported to the Soviet Union, resettled in East Germany upon their own request. 50X1-HUM
3. In Bucharest, in Parcul Jianu, there is a Repatriation Committee headed by one Gork. This Committee handles applications of German Rumanians deported to the Soviet Union who want to return to Rumania. 50X1-HUM
4. Although the majority of Armenians living in Rumania were sympathetic toward Communism during the early period of the regime, it has been ascertained that these feelings were opportunistic. Now they desire

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to emigrate

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6. The Serbian minority in Rumania is mistrusted and persecuted by the Rumanian authorities. Serbians who do not leave the country voluntarily are forced by the authorities to evacuate their homes, and in many cases they are deported to Yugoslavia.

7. The Hungarian minority is considered to be almost entirely Communist; it is therefore trusted by the Communist authorities and hated by the Rumanian population. An unusually high percentage of Hungarians hold leading positions in the government, the Party, and in government-operated enterprises. However, this does not apply to the Hungarians of Northern Transylvania who were rich peasants and strongly oppose Communism. In fact, a strong feeling of solidarity exists between the Rumanian and the Hungarian peasantry.

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